

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Xiaohua Huang, *et al.*

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

The Honorable Assistant Commissioner for
Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed September 1, 2000, Applicants request entry of the following amendments and consideration of the remarks which follow.

It is believed that no fees are required to file this amendment. If fees are required, please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Twice Amended) A method to determine a nucleotide at a polymorphic locus in a nucleic acid sample, comprising the steps of:

amplifying a region of DNA comprising a polymorphic locus in the sample to form amplified DNA products using a primer [which] pair, wherein a first primer of the pair